

Meth ...

Crank, Crystal,

Speed, Ice,

Zip, Go-fast

CR, Powder, Rock,

Chicken, Bird,

Jet Fuel, Spin

ACNE, nausea, vomiting,
DIARRHEA, depression,
dizziness, itchy skin,
SORES, numbness, sweating,
TREMORS, confusion,
blurred vision,
ULCERS, twitches,
hallucinations, seizures,
PARANOIA, excessive
weight loss and
BRAIN DAMAGE ...

Suspected drug activity or
labs should be reported to
your local law enforcement
office or BCI Drug Hotline:
1-800-472-2185



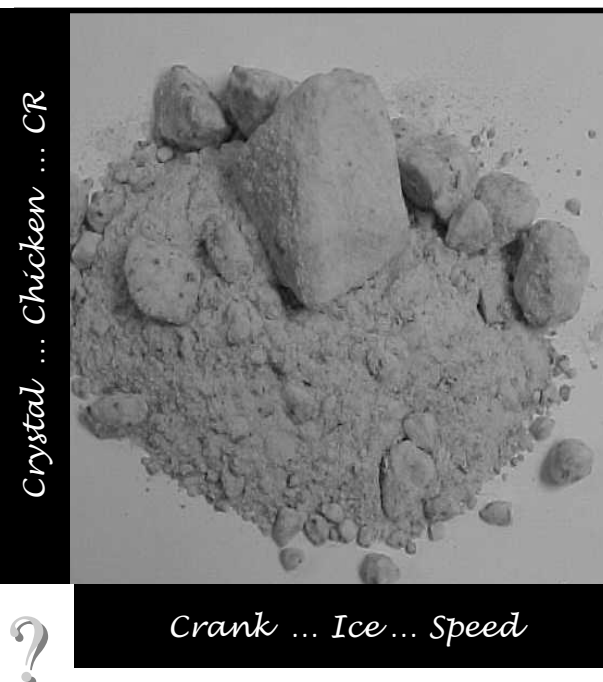
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WHAT ?
You should know ?
ABOUT
METH
Methamphetamine



Methamphetamine, also known as meth, is a central nervous system stimulant with high potential for abuse and dependence.

It is swallowed, snorted, inhaled, smoked or injected.

In recent years meth has exploded into North Dakota, **destroying lives and families** along the way.

Meth is highly **toxic** ~ a batch may include **battery acid, drain cleaner, anti-freeze, paint thinner, and starter fluid**, depending on the recipe.



Manufacturing meth does not require high tech equipment or a knowledge of chemistry. It can be produced in a make-shift lab that will fit in a small cardboard box or a **cooler**, and it only takes a few hours to make. **Labs** operate from private **homes**, motel rooms and apartment buildings, even abandoned buildings and **cars**.

Meth labs are hazardous and **explosive**, even when **abandoned**. The combination of chemicals can cause toxic fumes, fire or even explosions, posing a **significant risk** to local residents as well as emergency personnel.

Each pound of meth produces 5 to 6 pounds of toxic waste.

Even more **alarming** is the rapid increase in clandestine labs in North Dakota ~ especially in isolated rural areas. Meth “cooks” favor rural areas because of the availability of anhydrous ammonia and the difficulty of enforcement over such great distances.

“I need to study—it will help me concentrate”
“One hit won’t hurt”
“I need to lose a few pounds”

Meth has gained popularity so quickly because it is cheap and easy to make ... **but** the substances used are toxic, and even **minimal** use can result in **addiction**.

Dealers tempt potential users with stories of improved strength and physical abilities, or increased energy, and tell them it can help them lose weight ... but they don’t mention any of the **risks** or **side effects**.



Meth acts by changing how the brain works. Users may stay awake for several days without eating—causing extreme weight loss. The strain on the body is enormous and can cause **permanent damage**. With high doses or continued use, paranoia sets in, along with violent mood swings and **hallucinations**.

Dealers and users can become **desperate and violent** — increasing the risks to law enforcement officers and the **public**.

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Each of us can play a role in keeping our neighborhood

SAFE



Amped... Bugged... Jacked

Tweaking... Geeking... Spun-Out

Watch for these signs of a lab in your neighborhood:

- unusual late night behavior;
- strong smell of ammonia, ether, toluene, acetone or other chemicals;
- lots of traffic and frequent visitors stopping for only a short time, particularly at night;
- renters who pay cash and are willing to pay inflated prices;
- excessive amounts of trash.

CAUTION: If you suspect drug activity, call your local law enforcement agency IMMEDIATELY.